



Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021

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PART 1

BASIC CONCEPTS AND KEY DOCUMENTS

3 The areas of learning and experience

- (1) The areas of learning and experience for a curriculum are—
- Expressive Arts
 - Health and Well-being
 - Humanities
 - Languages, Literacy and Communication
 - Mathematics and Numeracy
 - Science and Technology.
- (2) Within the areas of learning and experience, the following are mandatory elements—
- English
 - Relationships and Sexuality Education
 - Religion, Values and Ethics
 - Welsh.
- (3) But English is not to be treated as a mandatory element, for the purposes of this Act, for a curriculum within subsection (4).
- (4) A curriculum is within this subsection if it is—
- (a) a curriculum for registered pupils at a school who have not completed the school year in which the majority of the pupils in their class attain the age of 7;
 - (b) a curriculum for funded non-maintained nursery education;
 - (c) a curriculum for education provided under section 19A of the Education Act 1996 (c. 56) (exceptional provision of education at pupil referral units or elsewhere: Wales) for pupils or children who have not attained the age of 7.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Act 2021, Section 3. (See end of Document for details)

- (5) References in this Act to the areas of learning and experience are to the areas listed in subsection (1).
- (6) References in this Act to the mandatory elements are to be interpreted in accordance with this section.

Commencement Information

II [S. 3](#) in force at 29.9.2021 by [S.I. 2021/1069](#), [art. 2](#)

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